

FARMINGTON CITY – CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

JANUARY 7, 2020

WORK SESSION

Present: Mayor Jim Talbot; City Manager Shane Pace; City Councilmembers Brett Anderson, Scott Isaacson, Shawn Beus, Amy Shumway, and Rebecca Wayment; City Recorder Holly Gadd; Community Development Director Dave Petersen; Finance Director Greg Davis; Economic Development Director Brigham Mellor; City Parks and Recreation Director Neil Miller; Police Chief Wayne Hansen; Fire Chief Guido Smith; Public Works Director Ray White; Steve Mecham and Eric Isom with MIB Partners; and Beth Holbrook, and Hal Johnson with UTA.

City Councilman **Brett Anderson** gave the opening invocation.

Senator Stuart Adams and **Representative Timothy Hawkes** provided a legislative preview. Utah is near the top of every measure when ranking states, including that for the last decade, Utah is the fastest growing state in the nation. But those top ratings means Utah has to deal with demands on infrastructure, necessitating conservation and water use measurement. There is a real housing affordability problem in Utah. Every city in the United States would like to have an upscale commercial development like Station Park. A food tax provides the State with a stable source of revenue in good times and bad. The State is also offering additional income tax exemptions for families. The gas tax doesn't grow with inflation. The new tax changes puts Utah in the top national spot financially. Public transportation should be a top priority, including a rebuild of Interstate 15.

REGULAR SESSION

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CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor **Jim Talbot** called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call (Opening Comments/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance)

City Councilwoman **Rebecca Wayment** offered the invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by City Manager **Shane Pace**.

PRESENTATIONS:

Outgoing Councilmembers **Cory Ritz**, **Doug Anderson** and **Alex Leeman** were recognized.

Three outgoing Planning Commission Members were recognized and appreciated, including **Connie Deianni** for her four years of service; **Shawn Beus** for his service since August of 2018;

and **Amy Shumway** for her service since July of 2018. **Talbot** presented them with plaques of appreciation.

Newly elected Councilmembers **Scott Isaacson**, **Shawn Beus**, and **Amy Shumway** were welcomed. The newly elected Councilmembers brought their families along with them. Mayor **Talbot** said that **Isaacson** and **Shumway** were both elected to four-year City Council seats. **Shumway** and **Beus** were both on the Farmington Planning Commission before being recently elected to the City Council. **Beus**, who used to work with Davis County, was elected to a two-year City Council seat. **Anderson** and **Isaccson** are practicing attorneys, and **Beus** has a lawyer license.

Isaacson said his wife, parents, children and grandchildren were there to support him. He grew up in a small town in Wyoming and wants the same pride he has in his hometown to radiate from those who grew up in Farmington. **Shumway** said seven years ago is when she wanted to safely take her boys on a bike ride over I-15, which eventually lead her to this position. She has been on the Trails Committee and Planning Commission. **Beus** has served in several cities and Davis County, and loves the impact local government can have. He also cares about trails. City Recorder **Holly Gadd** administered the Oath of Office to the new City Councilmembers.

Beth Holbrook and **Hal Johnson** from the Utah Transit Authority (UTA) made a presentation regarding Bus Rapid Transit, a Davis-Salt Lake City Community Connector study. For a number of years, UTA explored the possibility of connecting South Davis County to Salt Lake City via Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), and even looked into the use of a fixed rail trolley at one time. As part of this effort, UTA involved and received input from Davis County, North Salt Lake, Bountiful, Centerville, Farmington, Woods Cross and Salt Lake City.

Hal Johnson, UTA, 669 W. 200 South, Salt Lake City, said the purpose is to increase mobility and access to public transportation. The Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC) has a long-range transportation plan that identifies an extension to Farmington Station, a key stop in the transit system. The 455 bus route connects Weber State University to the University of Utah, going through Farmington. The 470 bus route is from downtown Ogden, through Farmington to Downtown Salt Lake. The routes are popular and working well. Along with light rail and front runner, these public transportation options reduce freeway congestion.

The WFRC tested four different models including:

Scenario 1: Alignment from Bountiful to Downtown Salt Lake City.

Scenario 2: Scenario 1, plus an operational connection from Downtown Salt Lake City to the University of Utah.

Scenario 3: Scenario 1 with an extension north to Farmington Station.

Scenario 4: Scenario 1 with both an extension north to Farmington Station and the operational connection from Downtown Salt Lake City to the University of Utah.

Holbrook said that Front Runner is at capacity now during peak hours. UTA would like to see the speed of trains increased and more frequency during peak hours. They are testing a micro transit project using the Via app-based program. Technology is a factor in future plans.

Shumway asked if UTA has any incentives for getting vehicle drivers to increase the use of public transportation. **Holbrook** acknowledged that it will take a long-term lifestyle change to increase public transportation use in Utah. **Johnson** would like to work with the City Council to integrate transit into Farmington. **Holbrook** said they are using event tickets such as BYU football tickets as passes to use public transportation.

GOVERNING BODY REPORTS:

City Manager Report

Shane Pace presented itinerary details about the retreat coming up that weekend at the Zermatt Resort starting at 4 p.m. on Friday. Items include vision, strategic plan, business park discussion, dinner, creating a working relationship among the City Council members, and budgetary issues and priorities. Spouses are invited to the whole retreat, including the meetings. These are considered and posted as public meetings.

Mayor Talbot and City Council Reports

Mayor Talbot took nominations for Mayor Pro Temp.

Motion:

Wayment made a motion to select Councilman **Anderson** to be the Mayor Pro Temp. **Shumway** seconded the motion, which was followed by a unanimous vote.

Motion:

Anderson moved to appoint **Alex Leeman** and **Mike Plazier** to the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by **Beus**, followed by a unanimous vote.

There is still one open spot to fill on the Commission. **Leeman** was once on the Planning Commission before serving as a City Councilman. He was appointed to the Planning Commission for another two years. **Plazier** was an alternate that will now serve full time.

Wayment asked about the selection process. **Talbot** said the positions were advertised in order to collect applications. He would like to see more representation from the east and south side of the city in the future. He doesn't think the City will have an alternate Planning Commission Member at this time.

City Council Committee Assignments were discussed. The assignments will last for two years.

Personnel: Talbot, Anderson, Isaccson

Special Events: Talbot, Wayment

Development Review Committee: Talbot, Anderson, Wayment

Historic Preservation: Beus

Youth City Council: Isaccson

Trails Committee: Shumway

Davis Chamber of Commerce: Shumway

Utah League of Cities and Towns: Talbot, Pace, Wayment

Mosquito Abatement: Beus

Wasatch Integrated: Talbot
Mayor Pro Temp: Anderson

Talbot warned the new Councilmembers that being on the Council can be tough because they are going to be criticized and scrutinized. To survive that, the Councilmembers need to unite together as a family, leave their pride at the door, and make the decisions that are best for the whole.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

Wayment made a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Isaacson** seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Holly Gadd, Recorder